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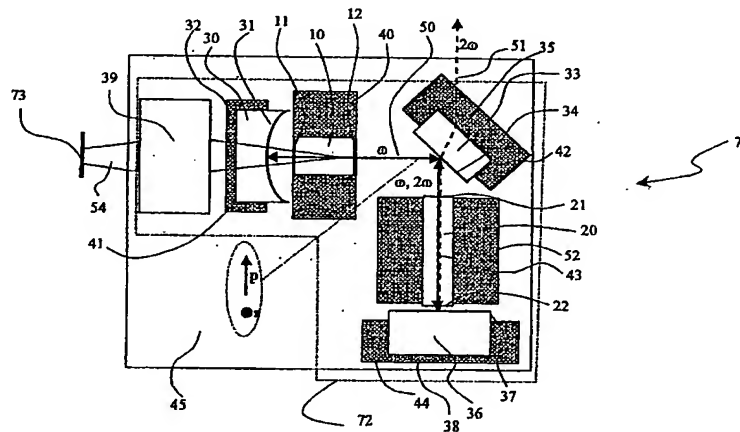
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(57) Abstract: A diode pumped laser apparatus for generating a visible power beam, of the type comprising: - a miniaturised linear laser cavity (72) with very low losses, comprising at least the following optical elements (30,33,36,10,20): reflecting means (30;33;36), highly reflecting at a fundamental wavelength, at least one of said reflecting means (33) being traversed by a pumping beam (55), at least one of said reflecting means (36) reflecting at the fundamental wavelength and at the second harmonic wavelength and at least one of said reflecting means (33) being highly transmissive at the second harmonic (51) wavelength of said fundamental wavelength; an active material (10) with polarized emission and with a gain configuration with small thermal aberration for the cavity mode, said active material (10) being able to generate laser light (50) at a fundamental wavelength; a non linear crystal (20), inside said cavity (72). According to the invention, said non linear crystal (20) is able to generate a second harmonic (51) of said fundamental wavelength by means of type I critical phase matching and said cavity (72) is associated to one or more thermostating means (45;41;42;43;44) to lock in temperature said cavity (72) and its optical elements (30,33,36,10,20), and accurately to set the temperature of the non linear crystal (10). (Figure 1)



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